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“A number of whistleblowers count on their union representatives as advocates in whistleblower retaliation employment disputes and as support through the whistleblower process.

I’m deeply concerned that H.R. 1364 may have unintended consequences that will negatively impact the ability of federal whistleblowers to receive the protection and remedies they deserve.

By declaring time spent fulfilling union representative duties, such as counseling or accompanying whistleblowers, as non-creditable time, this bill may essentially cut off access to a union representative for whistleblowers.

I urge the committee to reconsider moving forward with this legislation and to consider the effect it may have on federal whistleblowers.”

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